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Class of works: 1. Compact Disks (CDs), 2. Digital Video Disks (DVDs), and 3. VHS tapes

Summary:

It has been accepted law for many years that the purchaser of a vinyl record, cassette tape, or VHS video can copy that content for personal use as a backup or to play on a different device owned by the purchaser. This allows purchasers to compile for example audio cassettes of records to play in their vehicle.

The current provision is so broad that it would deny the creation of any software intended simply to allow the owner of such material the option to backup and play on other devices the music or video originally purchased. An exemption needs to be made to allow this non-infringing use to continue.

Consumers should be allowed to maintain control over backup and reproduction of copyrighted content within the limits of personal use; the current rules make this unlikely or impossible for modern digital media that is protected by encryption or other technologies.